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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/415,901 First Named Applicant: Vaidya et al.
 Examiner: Daniel J. Ryman Art Unit: 2665 Status of Application: Final

Tentative Participants:

(1) Daniel J. Ryman (2) Grace Law
 (3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: March 25, 2004 Proposed Time: 2:00 (AM/PM) (PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejected</u>	<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>Berkama</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

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 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

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Specification:

- To clarify the "finish tag" in the specification, Applicants proposed to delete the following misleading sentence from page 13, lines 7-8 of the specification:
"A finish tag of the packet indicates when the packet was transmitted from the node onto the link or the network."

Please note that the finish tag is more accurately described in the next sentence following this deleted sentence, and thus Applicants propose to delete the above misleading sentence to clarify the specification.

Claims:

- Applicants proposed to amend claim 1 as follows:
Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A computer-implemented method for distributed fair scheduling comprising:
~~calculating a first back-off interval for a packet;~~
~~receiving a packet to transmit at a node;~~
~~assigning a start tag based, at least in part, on a maximum of a virtual clock and a finish tag of a previous packet, wherein the finish tag is based, at least in part, on a start tag of the previous packet;~~
~~transmitting attempting to transmit the packet based, at least in part, on the assigned start tag, at a time that is based, at least in part, on the first back-off interval;~~
~~detecting a collision;~~
~~calculating a second back-off interval based, at least in part, on the first back-off interval; and~~
~~retransmitting the packet at a time that is based, at least in part, on the second back-off interval.~~

The remaining independent claims would also be similarly amended.